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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - US CONTRIBUTION TO UN FUND AND UN COORDINATION
OF SOMNIFERUM STRAW RESEARCH

1. US DELREPS PETERS, WALKER AND GOUGH HELD SERIES OF MEETINGS
WITH CHIEF OF UN NARCOTICS LABORATORY BRAENDEN ON FEBRUARY 18, 19,
20 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF UN COORDINATION OF SOMNIFERUM STRAW
(PRIMARY AND SECONDARY) RESEARCH.

2. US REPS SUGGESTED THAT UN LAB ORGANIZATION FOR BRACTEATUM
RESEARCH WAS USEFUL MODEL. HOWEVER, STATED THAT US GOVERNMENT MAY EIW
VZGQECASCQWRVGVELEN#FURTHER IN THIS INSTANCE AND CONTRIBUTE FUNDS
(PROBABLY THROUGH UNFDAC) TO BE ADMINISTERED INDEPENDENTLY BY UN
LABS IN SEEKING ANSWERS TO STRAW QUESTIONS.

3. US REPS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT RESEARCH NOT BE DIRECTED IN ANY
MANNER WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE COUNTRIES WITH POOR GUM CONTROL HISTORY
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TO ACTIVELY EXPLORE STRAW FOR EXPORT. US REPS ALSO EXPRESSED DESIRE

THAT INDIA BE A PRIMARY PARTICIPANT IN UN PROGRAM AS IN THE PAST.

4. DR. BRAENDEN WAS FORTHCOMING ON ALL POINTS. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH BRACTEATUM MODEL AND INDICATED THAT CULTIVATION, PROCESSING AND ABUSABILITY ISSUES CONCERNING BRACTEATUM WOULD BE ANSWERED IN NEXT TWO YEARS. HE BELIEVED THAT A PRIORITY SOMINFERUM STRAW EFFORT IS AN APPROPRIATE TASK FOR THE LAB. BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS-

LY AVAILABLE INFORMATION, HE BELIEVES THE DESIRED INFORMATION ON SOMNIFERUM STRAW COULD BE ACCUMULATED IN APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS. FYI. THE TWO YEAR TIME FRAME WILL BE POSSIBLE ONLY IF LAB CAN START PROJECTS BY THIS AUTUMN'S GROWING SEASON. THUS NECESSITY TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY IN IMPERATIVE. END FYI.

5. ON ISSUE OF RESEARCH CONTROL, DR. BRAENDEN ASSURED US DELEGATES THAT SYSTEM OF "EXPERTS" AND "CONSULTANTS" USED IN BRACTEATUM PROGRAM WOULD INSURE RESPONSIBLE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS. US DELEGATES WERE SATISFIED WITH HIS INITIAL DETAILED ANSWERS.

6. DR. BRAENDEN AND US REPS ARRIVED AT \$800,000 FIRST YEAR COST. APPROXIMATELY \$300,000 WOULD BE USED TO FUND GENEVA ACTIVITY INCLUDING UN LAB STAFF, CONFERENCES, CONSULTANT FEES. APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 WOULD BE DEDICATED TO FIELD RESEARCH SHOULD THIS BE POSSIBLE WITHIN THE TIME FRAME. LATER AMOUNT COULD BE EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO \$1,000,000 OR LESS IN SECOND YEAR. FYI. THESE ESTIMATES (AS AN EARMARKED PART OF US CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC) ARE WELL WITHIN OUR BUDGETED \$4,000,000 UNFDAC CONTRIBUTION FOR 1974. END FYI.

7. US DELEGATE GOUGH SUGGESTED THAT US WOULD MENTION RESEARCH PROPOSAL IN AGENDA ITEM NINE STATEMENT. BRAENDEN SAID UN LAB (AND, WE EXPECT, MARTENS OF UNFDAC) WOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY, THUS SETTING THE STAGE FOR AN EARLY UN ALL FOR A MEETING OF RESEARCH EXPERTS.

8. US DELS PLEASED WITH TONE OF CONVERSATIONS. BELIEVE THAT THIS RESEARCH VEHICLE IN ADDITION TO OUR OWN EFFORT WILL SUPPORT PRESIDENTIAL DECISION BY EXPEDITING RESULTS AND SIGNIFICANTLY ASSUAGE POTENTIAL INTERNATIONAL JITTERS OVERS US RESEARCH AS WELL AS PROVIDE TECHNICAL BASIS FOR PRESSING FOR ADOPTION STRAW PROCESSING METHOD.

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9. US DEL HAD THOUGHT WE WOULD NOT ANNOUNCE NEW CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC AT THIS MEETING. HOWEVER, WE NOW CONSIDER THAT OUR PROPOSAL FOR UN LAB TO PRESS FORWARD EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH STRAW RESEARCH, WHICH WE EXPECT CND TO ENDORSE, PUTS US IN NEW BALL GAME. BELIEVE WE SHOULD ANNOUNCE USG ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC OF \$2 MILLION, WITH A PORTION THEREOF EARMARKED FOR LAB'S STRAW RESEARCH ACTIVITY. WE CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF MAKING CONTRIBUTION FOR LAB ALONE BUT CONCLUDED THIS WOULD BE BADLY RECEIVED BY COUNTRIES REQUEST-

ING PROJECT ASSISTANCE. USDEL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS WE SHOULD PROCEED
ON FOREGOING BASIS. WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON VIEWS NO LATER THAN
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